SUBJECTS.

(8) that an attempt should be made to trace the Devaswom properties and separate the revenue, if it could be done;

Dewan.—Do you think it is an important matter?

Member.—To trace out all the old accounts for this purpose may be an impracticable task. But according to the present Settlement, the tenure of each property is known. Devaswom properties may be ascertained from the Settlement Registers.

(9) That any change in the present system of working, if contemplated by the Government, should be published and objections heard before passing final orders.

Dewan.—I shall look into the whole question carefully.

IX. Miscellaneous.

69. Not less than 20 members of the Assembly should be Mahomedans, that being one-fourth of the number of members for the Assembly.

Mr. Hussan Pillai (Member, Nominated) represented that it was well known to the Government that, of the three communities, Hindus, Mahomedans and Christians, the Mahomedans were the most backward. Their community, he said, was spread over the whole State, and their educational and other needs would not be adequately represented unless more representatives from their community were allowed in the Assembly. He pointed out that special privileges were granted to them in British India, in consideration of the fact that they could not secure the necessary votes for seats in the Legislative Councils, and he requested that at least one-fourth of the total number of representatives to the Assembly should be Mahomedans.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

A rule should be passed for the election of an adequate number of Ealava representatives to the Assembly with due regard to population and the status of the community.

Mr. Untaman Krishnan (Member, Nominated) urged the necessity of increasing the number of the Ealava Members in the Assembly, with due regard to their numerical strength and their importance in the State.

Dewan.—How do you propose it to be done. Do you want them to be nominated or elected?

The Member replied that he would like to have each taluk represented by an Ealava Member. He subsequently modified his statement by saying that at least 12 Members should be nominated, as the representation of each taluk by an Ealava Member was not feasible.

As the present system of election of the Members from the taluks fails to secure representatives from the Ealava community, the Government

Mr. Kumaran Asan (Member, Nominated) said that, considering the population of the Ealavas, who numbered six lacs, and the large interests they had in the State, their re-

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